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1. In a private conversation between Dr. Wilhelm Schröder (Minister for Posts and Telegraphs in the Soviet authorized Central Administration) and a SPD friend whom he had known well from 1923 to 1945, Schröder complained that it was the SPD which by perpetually raising the question of the return of the Eastern Territories, had caused Stalin to make his pronouncement that Germany's eastern frontier was final. It would now be necessary, Schröder said, to wait for years before the matter could be brought up again with any hope of success.
2. His interlocutor objected that the Russians did not usually decide their policy by reference to declarations made by political parties in other states and urged that, in this case, considerations of an entirely different nature had been introduced. Schröder replied that he considered the Russo-Polish rapprochement to be merely opportunist but that the present eastern frontier was a matter of Russian military security.
3. Schröder alleged that an attempt had been made to arrange a meeting between the SED and the Polish PPR-PPS. (Extreme Left Wing) bloc. Pieck and Grotewohl, Schröder said, had wanted to obtain from the Poles a statement which would have left open the possibility of a revision of the eastern frontier. The PPR and PPS., however, had refused such a statement and, indeed, even to meet the SED.
4. Schröder qualified his account of this alleged approach by the SED to the Poles. He could not guarantee that events were exactly as he described them; though he believed that his account was substantially accurate. In any event, Schröder considered that the only sensible solution of the eastern frontier question lay in direct negotiations between the SED and the dominant Polish parties.

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